Juvenile Delinquency—1924.

METROPOLITAN INSURANCE HEAD NAMES HOME

Twenty-five Thousand Dollar Legacy Left for Colored Girl.

ASBURY PARK, New Jersey, Jan. 22.—Announcement has been made by Dr. Katherine B. Davis, chairman of the joint board of Katy Ferguson—Sojourner Truth Home, of New York City, that a legacy for the home had been provided in his will by the late John R. Hegeman, formerly president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

The gift comes to the homes for colored girls through the interest of Mrs. Haley Fiske, a member of the Katy Ferguson-Sojourner Truth joint board, whose husband, Haley Fiske, an official of the Metropolitan, is one of the executors of the Hegeman will.

This gift will make possible the reopening of the Sojourner Truth Home for delinquent girls, which has been closed for lack of funds with which to operate as soon as suitable building can be secured.

YOUNGEST BOOTLEGGER SQUEALS ON MASTER

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 28.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Under the third degree from probation officers who had taken him into custody with a stock of moonshine liquor on him, a nine-year-old colored boy told a story of how he was employed by a white man at $15.00 a week to make whiskey deliveries. The white man would place booze in a certain secluded spot and it was his duty to make regular visits to the place, remove the liquor and deliver it.

FOR DELINQUENT GIRLS.

The reopening of the Sojourner Truth Home for Delinquent Girls will mark the resumption of a very necessary work among the race in New York City. The necessity of some institution like this, to take up the task of providing a refuge for the girl who has made a misstep from the beaten path of rectitude, or has been led astray, is too apparent to need argument. This home not only provides a refuge for the delinquent but seeks to train her in ways to reestablish her as a useful member of society.

The reopening of this home is due to two noble women, who were instrumental in raising the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars needed for that purpose. These individuals who have given so freely of their efforts to this worthy cause are Mrs. Haley Fisk and Mrs. Katherine Bement Davis. Having brought about this great possibility for future usefulness, there remains the further duty of maintaining this institution on a scale adequate to the task before it. Fifteen thousand dollars more is required to keep the house in running order.

The efforts of the Sojourner Truth board to raise this sum should be backed up by the united support of the members of the race in this community. Every one who realizes the magnitude of the task and the necessity for its performance by duly qualified workers should contribute towards its support. Almost every person can spare a certain amount for this purpose. A constant flow of small, if need be, but regular contributions should flow into the treasury of the institution.

There is no reason why one step aside from the path of right living should bar the delinquent from the possibility of redeeming that error and regaining a place as a respectable and useful member of society. This work of redemption is what the Sojourner Truth home has done and proposes to continue. Its value as a saving work of humanity cannot be overestimated. Let every one who can, give it a helping hand, and let that hand carry a substantial contribution. The Age will be glad to receive contributions and see that they are properly credited for this work.

ATLANTA, GA.—The Fulton County Grand Jury appointed to survey the condition of the county recommended a Juvenile Detention Home for Negro Girls. The jury reported that the Home for Boys was found to be in splendid shape, but that no home had been provided for either white or colored girls. It recommended homes for both.